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To whom it may concern,

The proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation is, by far, letting Microsoft go with a slap on the wrist. More drastic action must be taken to help ensure that Microsoft cannot dominate the computer software industry in an anti-competitive way. Where as many of Microsoft's competitive practices are indeed done in legitimate ways (such as hiring programmers and other people responsible for making competing products away from their employers), other practices are not. Because the DoJ has not actively kept Microsoft in check during the anti-trust suit, Microsoft has increased their market share of personal computers running Microsoft software. Whether major business restrictions or other such actions are imposed, Microsoft must be stopped before they control the computer software industry in an anti-competitive way.

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